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State-wise and Power station-wise details of project in which Capacity benefits available on account of Uprating of Generating Units during 2005-06 to 2007-08

(Status as on 31.03.2008)

Sl. No.	Project, Agency	Capacity (MW)	Available Capacity Before R&M (MW)	Actual Capacity After R&M/ Uprating (MW)	Benefits (MW)	Year of Completion
Kerala						
1.	Neriamangalam, KSEB	3x15	3x15	3x18	9.00	2006-07
Tamil Nadu						
2.	Papanasam, TNEB	4x7	4x7	4x8	4.00	2005-06
3.	Mettur Dam, TNEB	4x10	4x10	4x12.5	10.00	2007-08
Orissa						
4.	Hirakud-I, Unit- 3 & 4, OHPC	2x24	2x24	2x32	16.00	2005-06
	Total		161.00	200.00	39.00	

Generation of renewable energy

*384. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total generation of solar energy and other renewable energy in the country;

(b) the estimated plan for production of renewable energy; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to increase the capacity to the plan level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) A grid-interactive power generation installed capacity of 11,449 MW based on various renewable energy sources has been set up in the country as on 31.01.2008. This comprises of 7,939 MW wind power, 2,062 MW small hydro power, 1,446 MW bio-power and 2 MW solar power. This apart, a large number of off-grid/decentralized renewable energy systems/devices are making a significant contribution to conservation of conventional energy.

(b) A capacity addition of 15,000 MW from renewable energy sources (14,000 MW grid-interactive and 1,000 MW off-grid/distributed) has been proposed during the Eleventh Plan period.

(c) The Government is promoting development of the renewable energy sector through a mix of fiscal and financial incentives that include capital/interest subsidy, accelarated depreciation, nil/concessional excise and customs duties. Further benefit under Section 80-1A of Income Tax Act 1961 is available to undertakings setup for the generation or generation and distribution of Renewable power in India. This apart, preferential tariff for grid interactive renewable power is being given in most potential States.

Royalty on mineral exploration

*385. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing any measures to review the royalty issue pertaining to mineral exploration in the country;

(b) if so, whether the said review would provide additional revenues, to that of the present, to the States where the exploration/mining is taking place;

(c) if so, the details of the new methodology that would be adopted to calculate teh royalty payable to the States; and

(d) how much additional revenue is expected to accrue to Andhra Pradesh during 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d) As per Section 9 of the MMDR Act, 1957 a lessee of mining lease has to pay royalty in respect of any mineral removed by him, at the rate specified in the Second Schedule to the said Act in respect of that mineral. In order to revise the rates of royalty as per this provision a Study Group was set-up that submitted its recommendations to the Government which is under consideration of the Government. The same revised rates of royalty will be applicable to Andhra Pradesh also as in case of other States.

Sexual abuse at work place

†*389. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the incidents of sexual abuse at the work places during the recent past;

(b) if so, whether any step has been taken by Government the check such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 10001, 9984 and 9966 cases of sexual harassment (Section 509 IPC) (at work places and elsewhere) where registered in the country during 2004-2006, there by showing a declining trend.

(b) and (c) In order to minimise the incidence of sexual harassment of women, the Government has requested all the Central Ministries/Departments, Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, Universities/Institutions, Central Board of Secondary Education. All India Council of Technical Education to constitute complaints committees and to ensure that the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court in the Vishaka case for prevention of sexual harassment at workplace are implemented.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.